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EXP.No.9.LCD interfacing with TM4C123

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# 9.1 Abstract:

**-The Aim of the experiment:** learn to interface a 16\*2 LCD with TM4C123 Tiva C Launchpad and learn about LCD components , how to write and simulate a program in LCD, and how to use push buttons to control movement direction .

**Equipment Used in the experiment:** keil vision 5, TM4C123 Tiva Launchpad and 16\*2 LCD.

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## 9.2 Theory

#### 9.2.1 16\*2 LCD Introduction:

- \*This LCD can display 32 ASCII characters
- \* It consists of two rows and one column.
- \* Each row can display one ASCII character.
- \* Hence , the position of each character is defined in terms of rows and column order pairs (x,y). For example ,(0,0) means the first row and first column , and (1,15) means the seconds row and  $15^{th}$  column .

#### 9.2.2 Function Description:

#### **9.2.2.1 Registers:**

- There are two 8-bit registers , an instruction registers (IR) , and data register on the  $HD44780U\ (DR)$  .
- the IR stores display clear and cursor shift instruction codes as well as address information for display data RAM (DDRAM) and character generator RAM (CGRAM).
- The IR can only be written from the MPU.
- The DR temporarily stores data to be written into DDRAM or CGRAM and temporarily stores data to read from DDRAM or CGRAM
- Data written into the DR from the MPU is automatically written into DDRAM or CGRAM by an internal operation .
- -The DR is also used for data storage when reading data from DDRAM or CGRAM.
- when address information is written into the IR, data is read and then stored into the IR, data is read and then stored into the DR from DDRAM or CGRAM by an internal operation.

## 9.2.2.2 Memory:

In 16\*2 LCD controller , there are three memory are available to store characters , numbers and special symbols . which are DDRAM (data display RAM) which stores ASCII codes, CGROM(character generating ROM) which is responsible for stored standard pattern, and CGRAM (character generating RAM) which holds customs character pattern space total 8 in 2x16 module.

#### 9.2.2.2.1 Display Data RAM(DDRAM)

- -Its stores display data represented in 8-bit character codes.
- its extended capacity is 80x8 bits, or 80 characters .
- the area in display data RAM(DDRAM) that is not used for display can be used as general data RAM.

#### 9.2.2.2 character generator ROM(CGROM)

-that is responsible for stored standard character pattern generates 5x8 dot or 5x10 dot character patterns from 8-bit character codes

-it can generate 208 5x8 dot character patterns and 32 5x10 dot character patterns.

#### 9.2.2.3 character generator RAM(CGRAM)

-The character generating RAM which holds custom character pattern has only 8 memory location available to store user defined characters with address 0x00 - 0x07.

#### 9.2.3 Displaying standard Character on LCD:

- -out of these three memory locations, DDRAM and CGROM are used to generate regular standard characters (ASCII characters).
- -By using these memory location , a user can generate different character fonts and symbols on LCD display . A character is designed by taking the number of pixels in mind .
- -For example, in 16x2 LCD there are 16 segments available per single line .Each segment contains pixels in 5x7 or 5x10 matrix forms.
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- -The DDRAM stores ASCII code of character which is sent by the microcontroller

## 9.2.4 pinout Diagram:

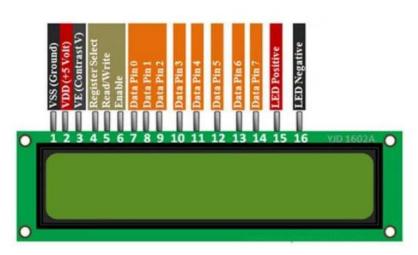


Figure 1: pinout diagram

#### 9.2.4.1 16x2 pin Details

#### 9.2.4.1.1 Data pin:

- -pin D0 to D7 are data pin which used to send data to be displayed or commands to LCD Controller.
- -hence, these lines will be connected with TM4C123 GPIO pins to transfer data.
- -But this LCD can be used either in 4-bit (only D0 to D3 pins are used) or 8-bit mode(all D0 to D7 pins are used).

#### **9.2.4.1.2** Control pins

- **-LCD contrast(v0):** it used to adjust the contrast of LCD with respects to text display, This contrast can be set through by using a potential divider circuit with variable resistor.
- **-Register select (RS):** with the help of this pin, TM4C123 microcontroller informs the LCD controller either we are sending commands or data to LCD . in other word, it helps to differentiate between data and commands.
  - **-Read/Write** (**R/W**): as its name suggest, it used to select read or write mode of LCD, When this pin is set to active high, LCD will be in read mode which means we can read Data from the LCD . similarly, when pin is set to active low, we will be able to write data to The LCD, we will connect this pin to the ground because we are using a 16x2 LCD as an Output device only.
  - **-Enable(E):** This pin used to enable and disable LCD . when this pin is active low , LCD Controller will be disabled . That means control pins and data pins will not have any effect on the display . On the other hand, when the enable pin is set to active high , the LCD will work normally and process all data and control instructions.
  - **-BackLight LED pins:** These pin are cathode and anode pins of back light LED , they Are used to provide +5 volts and ground to anode and cathode pins.
  - **-Power supply pins:** +5 volt power supply pins.

#### 9.2.5 Difference Between 4-bit and 8-bit mode:

HD47780 LCDs can be interfaced with TM4C123 Tiva Launchpad either in 4- bit or 8-bit mode .

- For a 4-bit interface, we need to use 6 GPIO pins of Launchpad.
- -in 4 bit mode, data transfers from microcontroller to the LCD in two consecutive half bytes.
- -For 8-bit mode, one byte data transfers to the LCD in one go

#### 9.3 Procedure

#### 9.3.1 LCD interfacing with TM4C123 Tiva Launchpad in 4-bit Mode:

we use a 4-bit mode to interface 16x2 LCD with TM4C123 microcontroller , so we make the connection with 16x2 Lcd with TM4C123 according to this digram:

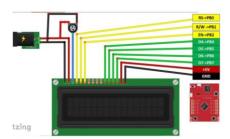


Figure 2: connection diagram

#### 9.3.2 Example:

This code displays "ENCS4110" on the first row an "LAB" on the second Row of the LCD.

## 9.3.2.1 Example code:

```
| Implied "TM4Cl23.h" // Device header | #define LCD GPIOB //LCD port with Tiva C | #define RS 0x01 //SS -> FBO (0x01) | #define RS 0x02 //SN -> FBI (0x02) | #define RN 0x02 //KN -> FBI (0x02) | #define RN 0x02 //KN -> FBI (0x02) | #define RN 0x04 //EN -> FBI (0x04) | #define RN 0x04 //FNI -> FBI (0x04)
```

```
void LCD_WriteString(char * str)
58 ⊟ {
    volatile int i = 0; //volatile is important
while(*(str+i) != '\0') //until the end of the string
62 LCD4bits_Data(*(str+i)); //Write each character of string
     i++; //increment for next character
65
      void LCD4bits_Cmd(unsigned char command)
67 □ {
68 LCD_Write4bits(command & 0xF0 , 0); //upper nibble first
     LCD_Write4bits(command << 4 , 0); //then lower nibble
     if (command < 4)
     delayMs(2); //commands 1 and 2 need up to 1.64ms
     delayUs(40); //all others 40 us
     void LCD4bits Data(unsigned char data)
     LCD_Write4bits(data & 0xFO , RS); //upper nibble first LCD_Write4bits(data << 4 , RS); //then lower nibble delayUs(40); //delay for LCD (MCU is faster than LCD)
80
     void delayMs(int n)
83 volatile int i,j; //volatile is important for variables incremented in code 84 for(i=0;i<n;i++)
       void LCD4bits_Cmd(unsigned char command)
      LCD_Write4bits(command & 0xF0 , 0); //upper nibble first
LCD_Write4bits(command << 4 , 0); //then lower nibble
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        oid delayMs(int n)
       volatile int i,j; //volatile is important for variables incremented in code
       for (i=0; i<n; i++)
       for(j=0;j<3180;j++) //delay for 1 msec
        void delayUs(int n)
       volatile int i,j; //volatile is important for variables incremented in code for(i=0;i<n;i++)
        for(j=0;j<3;j++) //delay for 1 micro second
      - )
```

Figure 3: example code

#### 9.3.2.2 Example Discussion:

-from line 75 to line 80 : we give an active high to low transition pulse to enable pin to perfome a write operation on the LCD . finally, send nubble to LCD.

-from line 66 to 74: This function used to send commands to LCD . all commands are of 8-bits . Hence , first this routine sends the upper nibble of command to LCD and after that it sends the lower nibble . we need to add delay between sending commands . command 1 and 2 takes 1.64ms and all other commands take 40us . therefore, we add a delay of 2ms if commands are less than 4 and 40us for all other commands.

-from line 33 to line 46: this routine enables the clock to TM4C123 GPIOB which is connected to control and data pins of 16x22 LCD . After we send various initialization commands to LCD from control pins of TM4C123 microcontroller such as :

- -set the character font size to 5x7which 5 represents the number of rows and 7 the number Of columns
- -select 4-bit Mode to transfer data or command in two nibbles
- -setting to move cursor posiition right after displaying each charcter
- -Clear the screen
- Enable light and Cursor blinking

-from line 47 to line 56: This function to prints charcter on the current cursor position of the display . Acharacter type of data consist of 8-bits . But we are using 4-bit mode of LCD. Hence , data transfers in two nibbles or 2 pieces of 4-bits by using LCD4bits\_Data() function. The one important point to note here is that we are sending control signal RS which will be defined as an active high micro in the code because we set RS signal to active high when we want to transmit data from TM4C123 Tiva Launchpad to LCD.

-from line 57 to line 65: this to write string to LCD starting from current cursor position . it use LCD4bits\_Data() function to send all characters of a string one by one . and this function keeps writing characters till the NULL character is found.

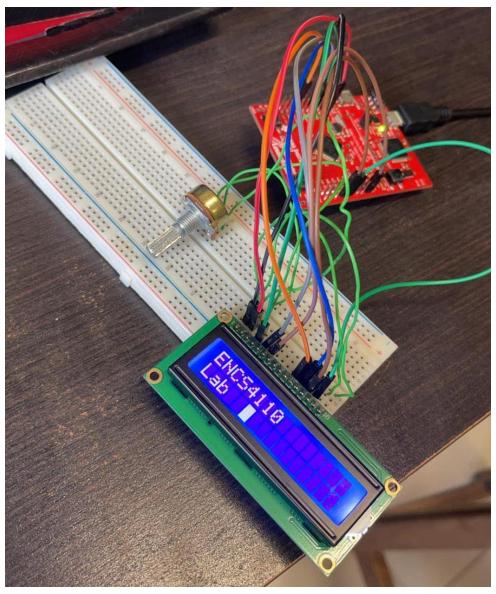


Figure 4: the result of example

#### 9.4 Lab Work:

#### **9.4.1 Question 1:**

Modify the code to display your name on the first line and your ID on the second line:

I just modify the strings in main function

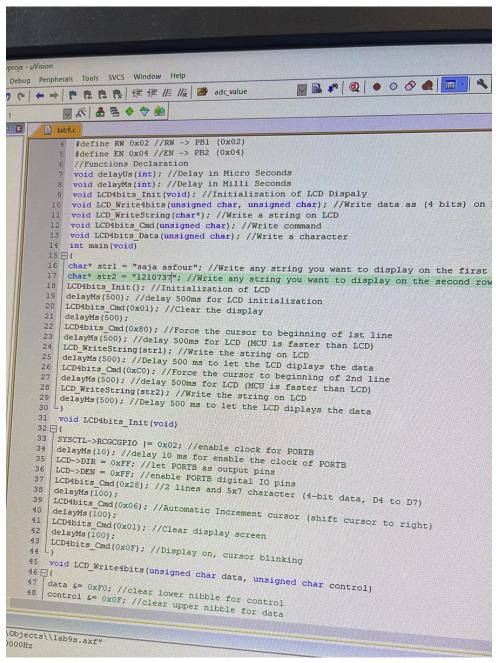


Figure 5: task 1 code

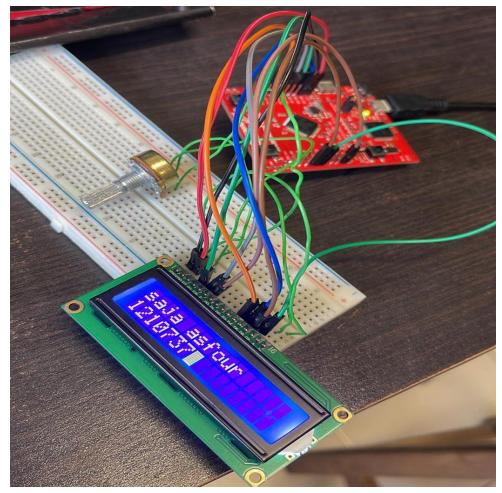


Figure 6: task 1 result

## **9.4.2 Question 2:**

Write a program that display your name on LCD with movement . Your program should allow the user to control the direction of the movement ( shift left, shift right) using the two on-bored push buttons .

I add the handler function to use SW1 and SW2 , and make a variable a which consist 0x80 which mean beginning of the first line , then in main function I make a while loop to write when I push the buttons

```
N W D A A DE
             n x
                                                       #include "TM4Cl23.h" // Device header
                                                       #define RW 0x02 //RW -> PB1 (0x02)
#define EN 0x04 //EN -> PB2 (0x04)
                                                        //Functions Declaration
                                                       //runctions Declaration
void delayUs(int); //Delay in Micro Seconds
void delayMs(int); //Delay in Milli Seconds
void LCD4bits_Init(void); //Initialization of LCD Dispaly
void LCD Write4bits(unsigned char, unsigned char); //Write data as (4 bits) on LCD
                                                     void LCD WriteString(char*); //Write a string on LCD
void LCD4bits_Cmd(unsigned char); //Write command
                                                       void LCD4bits_Data(unsigned char); //Write a character
                                                     int a=0x80;
                                                      void GPIOF_Handler(void);
int main(void)
                                           17 □ {
                                                            char* strl = "saja asfour"; //Write any string you want to display on the first row of LCD SYSCTL->RCGCGPIO |= (1<<5); /* Set bit5 of RCGCGPIO to enable clock to PORTF*/
* PORTFO has special function, need to unlock to modify */
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                                                     /* PORTFO has special function, need to unlock to modify */
GPIOF->LOCK = 0x4C4F434B; /* unlock commit register */
GPIOF->LOCK = 0x01; /* make PORTFO configurable */
GPIOF->LOCK = 0; /* lock commit register */
/*Initialize PF3 as a digital output, PF0 and PF4 as digital input pins */
GPIOF->DIR 6= ~(1<<4)|-(1<<0); /* Set PF4 and PF0 as a digital input pins */
GPIOF->DIR [= (1<<3); /* Set PF3 as digital output to control green LED */
GPIOF->DEN [= (1<<4)| (1<<5)| (1<<0); /* make PORTF4-0 digital pins */
GPIOF->DEN [= (1<<4)| (1<<5)| (1<<0); /* make PORTF4-0 digital pins */
GPIOF->DEN [= (1<<4)| (1<<0); /* enable pull up for PORTF4, 0 */
/* configure PORTF4, 0 for falling edge trigger interrupt */
GPIOF->IS &= ~(1<<4)| ~(1<<0); /* make bit 4, 0 edge sensitive */
GPIOF->IBF &=~(1<<4)| ~(1<<0); /* trigger is controlled by IFV */
GPIOF->ICR &= (1<<4)| (1<<0); /* clear any prior interrupt */
GPIOF->ICR |= (1<<4)| (1<<0); /* clear any prior interrupt */
GPIOF->IM |= (1<<4)| (1<<0); /* unmask interrupt */
/* enable interrupt in NVIC and set priority to 3 */
NVIC->ISER[0] |= (1<<30); /* enable IRQ30 (D30 of ISER[0]) */
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                                                       LCD4bits_Init(); //Initialization of LCD delayMs(500); //delay 500ms for LCD initialization
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                                                    LCD4bits_Cmd(0x01); //Clear the display
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                                                                          LCD4bits_Cmd(a);
                                                                                                                               //Force the cursor to beginning of 1st line
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delayMs(500); //delay 500ms for LCD (MCU is faster than LCD) LCD_WriteString(strl); //Write the string on LCD
       delayMs(500); //Delay 500 ms to let the LCD diplays the data
       void LCD4bits Init (void)
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58 | SYSCIL->RCGCGPIO |= 0x02; //enable clock for PORTB
       delayMs(10); //delay 10 ms for enable the clock of PORTB
       delayms(10); //delay 10 ms 101 cluster pins
LCD->DIR = 0xFF; //let PORTB as output pins
LCD->DEN = 0xFF; //enable PORTB digital IO pins
       LCD4bits Cmd(0x28); //2 lines and 5x7 character (4-bit data, D4 to D7) delayMs(100);
       LCD4bits_Cmd(0x06); //Automatic Increment cursor (shift cursor to right)
64
       delayMs(100);
      LCD4bits Cmd(0x01); //Clear display screen delayMs(100);
66
      LCD4bits_Cmd(0x0F); //Display on, cursor blinking
68
      void LCD_Write4bits(unsigned char data, unsigned char control)
     data &= 0xF0; //clear lower nibble for control
     data &= OxFO; //clear lower nibble for control control &= OxOF; //clear upper nibble for data LCD->DATA = data | control; //include RS value (command or data ) with data LCD->DATA = data | control | EN; //pulse EN delayUs(10); //delay for pulsing EN LCD->DATA = data | control; //Turn off the pulse EN LCD->DATA = 0; //Clear the Data
80
      void LCD_WriteString(char * str)
    | volatile int i = 0; //volatile is important | while(*(str+i) != '\0') //until the end of the string
     ith; //increment for next character

i++; //increment for next character
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                           volatile int i,j; //volatile is important for variables incremented in code for(i=0;i<n,i++)
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                            for(j=0;j<3;j++) //delay for 1 micro second
                       110 /* SW1 is connected to PF4 pin, SW2 is connected to PF0. */
120 /* Both of them trigger PORTF falling edge interrupt */
                       123 if (GPIOF->MIS & 0x10) /* check if interrupt causes by PF4/SW1*/
                       125
                           if(a==0x8F)
                       126
                           a=0x80;
else
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                      129 GFIOF->ICR |= 0x10; /* clear the interrupt flag */
{} Func... 0. Temp...
                          else
                          a++;
GPIOF->ICR |= 0x10; /* clear the interrupt flag */
                    128
                    130 -)
131 else if (GPIOF->MIS & 0x01) /* check if interrupt causes by PFO/SW2 */
                          if(a==0x80)
a=0x8F;
                    135 else
```

Figure 7: task 2 code

#### **9.4.3 Question 3:**

Write a program that display your name in the first row and your Id in the second row on the LCD. The Upper word should be firstly appears from the left of the LCD then it shifted continually to the other side . The lower word must have the opposite movement at the time .

All that happen after a button press from the user .

-Here I define two integer one is for the first line and the other for the second line and make a for loop to control the shifted

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| i # include "THCLIZ3.h" // Device header
| fobrine LCD GPION //LCD port with Tive C
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Figure 8: task 3 code

# 9.5 Conclusion

After completing this experiment , we learn how to use LCD components , write and simulate a program in LCD , and control the movement direction.

# 9.6 References

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